Muslim Sub-Registrars.

100 *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many years have elapsed since a Muslim was appointed as Sub-Registrar in the State;

(*b*) after this appointment, how many non-Muslims were appointed as Sub-Registrars; and

(*c*) how many qualified Muslims there are in this department now to hold Sub-Registrars' posts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 22 years.

(*b*) Roughly 89.

(*c*) 3. A graduate and two undergraduates.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Of the 89 appointments of Sub-Registrars, was there not a single occasion to consider the appointment of a Muslim?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The number of Muslims employed in the Registration Department is very limited and they are not yet ripe for promotion as Sub-Registrars. There is one Muslim in the department who has acted off and on and his turn for a permanent appointment has not yet come. There are two more Muslim clerks in the department and their turns also have not yet come.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Can the member say the date of the appointment of the first Muslim who entered service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 22 years ago.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Am I to understand then that even that one Muslim who entered so long ago though acted off and on, has not his turn come for a permanent appointment yet?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is because there are many seniors to him.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): So out of these 89 appointments there was none recruited from outside the department. Apart from the question of seniority or the question of waiting, am I to take it there was none recruited so that a Muslim's claim may be considered?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): None was recruited from outside Government service. There might have been recruits from other departments who might be seniors to the Muslim candidate.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the date when the Muslim who was acting off and on was first appointed as Ag. Sub-Registrar?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

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MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the year of his first or last appointment as Sub-Registrar?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sometime in 1101. I do not know the exact date.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know how long he had acting service as a Sub Registrar?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there is any instance where the claims of a Muslim were overlooked?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Education Department Co-operative Benefit Fund.

101. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction is the Patron and the Inspector of Vernacular Schools is the President of the Travancore Educational Department Co-operative Benefit Fund Ltd., No. 1964;

(*b*) (i) the amount that has been collected by the above institution, (ii) the amount that has been distributed and (iii) the balance that is now (say, on 10-11-1109) available;

(*c*) the number of members on the rolls at present; and

(*d*) whether the Department is taking any step to protect the interests of the persons who have contributed to the Fund?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) Bh. Rs. 94,453 Chs.3 Cash 2.

(ii) Bh. Rs. 10,744 Chs. 2 Cash 13.

(iii) Bh. Rs. 83,709 Chs. 0 Cash 5.

(*c*) 4,576 members.

(*d*) Certain proposals regarding the Fund made by the Director of Public Instruction are under the consideration of Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether there is an officer of the name of Inspector of Vernacular Schools at present?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know who is the President of the Co-operative Benefit Fund?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Divisional Inspector, Quilon.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether, under the rules of the fund, the Divisional Inspector, Quilon, is entitled to continue as President?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am not quite sure whether he is entitled under the rules to function. But as the answer shows, recommendations have been made to Government to change the whole constitution and, pending the orders of Government, he is to carry on his previous work.

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